

REMARKS

1. In response to the final Office Action mailed March 6, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-43 were last presented for examination. Claims 19-21 were rejected and claims 22-43 were previously withdrawn from consideration in the outstanding Office Action. By the foregoing Amendments, claims 19 and 20 has been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 19-21 will remain pending in this application. Of these forty-three (43) claims, seven (7) claims (claims 1, 9, 17, 19, 22, 32 and 42) are independent. Based on the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding objections and rejections be reconsidered, and that they be withdrawn.

Art of Record

2. Applicant acknowledges receipt of form PTO-892 identifying additional references made of record by the Examiner.

Allowed Matter

3. Applicants notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-18 are allowed.

Claim Rejections

4. Independent claim 19 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0243991 A1 to Gustafson *et al.* (hereinafter, "Gustafson"). Dependent claims 20-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gustafson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,000,000 to Hawkins *et al.* (hereinafter, "Hawkins"). Based upon the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

5. Independent claim 19, as amended, recites, in part "disconnecting the replaceable electronic module from the first computer device; logically connecting the replaceable electronic module to a second computer device; detecting that the replaceable electronic module is assigned a different function in response to the replaceable electronic module being logically connected to the second computer device; [and] sending previously stored

configuration information to the replaceable electronic module, wherein the previously stored configuration information corresponds to the assigned different function.” Applicants respectfully submit that neither Gustafson nor Hawkins, whether taken alone or in combination teach or suggest this combination of elements for at least the below discussed reasons.

6. Gustafson is directed to a mobile handset that’s firmware/software is capable of being updated. (*See*, Gustafson at Abstract.) Gustafson further discloses that this firmware/software is updated in response to a new version of the firmware/software being available that is released to fix bugs with the previous version, to introduce new features, or both. (*See*, Gustafson at para 0005.) Gustafson, however, does not teach or suggest this mobile handset detecting that is assigned a different function in response to the mobile handset being logically connected to a different electronic device and updating its firmware/software corresponding to this new function. Rather, in the system of Gustafson, the new firmware is sent to the mobile device in response to the new firmware being made available. Gustafson, accordingly, fails to teach or suggest “detecting that the replaceable electronic module is assigned a different function in response to the replaceable electronic module being logically connected to [a] second computer device; [and] sending previously stored configuration information to the replaceable electronic module, wherein the previously stored configuration information corresponds to the assigned different function,” as recited by amended independent claim 19.

7. Hawkins similarly is directed to synchronizing a handheld computer system with a personal computer. (*See*, Hawkins at Abstract.) Hawkins, like Gustafson, fails to teach or suggest “detecting that the replaceable electronic module is assigned a different function in response to the replaceable electronic module being logically connected to [a] second computer device; [and] sending previously stored configuration information to the replaceable electronic module, wherein the previously stored configuration information corresponds to the assigned different function,” as recited by amended independent claim 19.”

8. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Gustafson nor Hawkins, whether taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the combination of elements recited by amended independent claim 19. Applicants accordingly respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection for at least these reasons.

Dependent Claims

9. The dependent claims incorporate all of the subject matter of their respective independent claims and add additional subject matter which makes them *a fortiori* independently patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding rejections of the dependent claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

10. In view of the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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